Use of Pan Masalas

3533. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Statesman of 22nd January, 1988 regarding the detrimental effects on health with the use of Pan Masalas which are indiscriminately being produced in the country; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare have stated that as there are inadequate epidemioligical studies on this aspect, it is very difficult to categorically state whether consumption of Pan Masala is harmful to health. However, samples of these products are drawn regularly by State/Union Territory authorities and action taken in case the product is found to contain any harful substance.

Tool down strike by workers of Maruti Udyog Ltd.

3534. SHRI K. MOHANAN:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers of Maruti Udyog Limited are observing a tool down strike for four hours every day for the last few days;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the tenure of the Managing Director of Maruti Udyog Ltd. had expired and he is working without a regular tenure, and his indifferent attitude towards workers has resulted in the workers unrest?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A tool down/pen down strike by the unionised staff was observed for 2 hours on 29.2.88, 3 hours on 1.3.88 and 4 hours on 2.3.88, 3.3.88, 5.3.88, 7.3.88, 8.3.88, 9.3.88 and 10.3.88. This was called off on 11.3.88.

(c) There is no evidence to suggest that attitude of the Managing Director is indifferent because of expiry of his tenure.

Architecture work of Twin Tower project awarded by SCOPE

3535. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises awarded the work of architecture of Twin Tower Project to M/s. Bhardwaj & Associates on single tender basis;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether an open bid would not have produced a better architectural forms;

(d) whether the complete management i.e. quality control, cost control and certification of bills of Contractors etc. have been given to this firm;

(e) if so, what are the reasons and details thereof;

(f) whether SCOPE will have no control over the project architects or Contractors; and